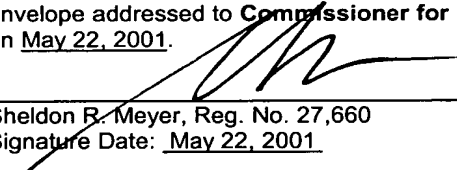


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application) PATENT APPLICATION
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Inventors: DeOrnellas, et al.)
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SC/Serial No.: 09/692,007) Art Unit: 1765
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Filed: October 19, 2000) Examiner: L. Umez-Eronini
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Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD MASK) Customer No. 23910
FOR CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH)
CONTAINMENT)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 14, 2001, a shortened period for response was set to expire on May 14, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including May 22, 2001.

The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

<u>Fee (Large Entity/Small Entity)</u>	<u>Extended Month</u>
<u>X</u> \$110.00/\$55.00	First
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_____	\$890.00/\$445.00	Third
_____	\$1,390.00/\$695.00	Fourth
_____	\$1,890.00/\$945.00	Fifth

TOTAL PETITION FEE \$55.00

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

<u> X </u>	A reply to the Office action is filed herewith.
<u> X </u>	"Small Entity" status for this application has been established by a statement previously filed.
<u> X </u>	Response Transmittal Letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

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By: _____

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